

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Basol et al.  
Appl. No. : 09/960,236  
Filed : September 20, 2001  
For : MASK PLATE DESIGN  
Examiner : Lois L. Zheng  
Group Art Unit : 1742

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence and all marked attachments are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on

May 4, 2006

(Date)

*Adeel S. Akhtar*

Adeel S. Akhtar, Reg. No. 41,394

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The present paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on January 4, 2006, and is accompanied by a request for a one-month extension of time. Please amend the above-identified application as set forth herein and consider the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 14 of this paper.